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Mullins, Munitions Board

MEMORANDUM FOR: (2 cc each to: Schnellbacher, Commerce; Rossiter, Agriculture; Curtis, ODM; Ames, Federal Reserve; McCaskill, Interior; Rogers, MSA)

FROM : Executive Secretary, EIC

SUBJECT : Survey of Research on Chinese Economy

1. Recently in the preparation of certain National Intelligence Estimates, considerable doubt was raised as to the adequacy of research within the US Government on various aspects of the Chinese economy. The Economic Intelligence Committee has been asked by the Office of National Estimates, CIA, to conduct a rough preliminary survey among government agencies concerned with economic research in order to determine in a general way what is being done in this field.

2. It is requested, therefore, that your office fill in the attached form and send it, together with a general statement of the adequacy of your knowledge in this field, to the Executive Secretary of the EIC. It is particularly important that you stress the extent to which your information is up to date. In filling out the center column, nothing more is required than a listing of broad categories (e.g., foreign trade, merchant shipping, rail transportation, agriculture, munitions production and regional or country analysis). The right hand column is to include only professional personnel and should be stated in terms of one-man-full-time equivalents. If you have further questions on the preparation of the report, it is suggested that you call me on code 143, extension 2817.

3. In view of the fact that the findings of this survey are to be included in a CIA report to be completed in two weeks, it is requested that this information be submitted no later than ten days from the date of this memorandum.

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